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# AD HOC PATRIOTIC COMMITTEE MEETING April 28th, 2015 7:00 p.m. Town Hall Committee Room

**ELLINGTON TOWN CLERK** 

#### Minutes

Members Present:

Wilson Flynn, J. Wiley Dumas, David Grim, Daniel Joy, Alan

Lewandosky, Andrew McCoy, James Stemmerman, John Takach,

Bruce Warkentin,

Members Absent:

None

Others present:

Peter Hany- Ellington Volunteer Fire Department, Erin Orvis-

Ellington Lacrosse

## I. CALL TO ORDER:

After determining that a quorum was present, Chairman Flynn called the meeting to order at 7:07 P.M. Members Recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: March 24th, 2015
MOVED (STEMMERMAN), SECONDED (DUMAS) AND PASSED
UNANIMOUSLY TO APPROVE THE MINUTES AS PRESENTED

#### III. Old Business

- a. Continued planning for Memorial Day. Group discussed that those wanting to march in the parade be aware of the true meaning of Memorial Day, and that it is not to be strictly an opportunity to advertise a business or organization. For next year, all participants must display either the National Flag, POW-MIA flag, or some of form of the recognition of Memorial Day. Mr. Flynn suggested that participants even make a small donation to organizations such as the Wounded Warriors Project, Wreaths Across America, or other organizations that help veterans.
- b. Mr. Warkentin informed the members of the Middle School's participation and the program that the students are developing for the ceremony at the high school. This year's celebration will discuss the four wars with "anniversaries" this year-Revolutionary War, Civil War, WWII and Vietnam.
- c. Mr. Stemmerman suggested that due to space constraints, the majority of the events that normally take place on the Green be moved to the cemetery. The marchers would be informed of this change following the ceremony at the High School. Plan to have the celebration at the Green only include the wreath and volley. Roll Call/Blessing/Taps will be held in the Cemetery. Mr Stemmerman and Mr. Lewandosky discussed the ceremony and line of march.
- d. The committee will hold a meeting on Wednesday May 13 to finalize plans for Memorial Day
- e. POW/MIA Memorial at the town library refresh is in progress.

### IV. New Business

- a. Discussed other events statewide to commemorate the end of the Vietnam War.
- V. ADJOURNMENT
  MOVED (DUMAS), SECONDED (FLYNN) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY
  TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 9:00 P.M.

Submitted by:

David J. A. Grim, Secretary